

Learning at Schools

Breakout 3 - Literacy National Standards - Getting Creative

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Insanity ... doing more of the same and expecting a different result

We need to work on the areas we are not strong in

You need to strengthen children's ability to work in their "non preferred" learning style

How did your younger years affect your brain development?

- Time outside
- Listening to the radio
- Telephone was different
- Children allowed to play alone

Today's children have different stimulus. Things are instant...!

Visual, high speed, ready made pictures = a different brain

What judgements are we making about the children in our classes?

Are the ways that we are working with these students the right way to deal with these kids and their different brains?

It is not about doing more when they can't do something - it's about doing something different that may meet some of the needs of these kids that are not succeeding.

What are the children's strengths?

A quality end product is dependent on a rich and varied diet!!!

We need to get creative and find ways to engage our struggling and achieving students in ways that provide intrinsic incentive, authentic feedback and the opportunity to read and express themselves in a variety of ways and on topics that interest them.

Intrinsic incentive - clearly purposeful, for an audience, gets results

Authentic feedback - response, genuine reader reaction, critique and comment from a wide variety of readers, continued interaction

Word Processing

Neat and tidy - no need to rewrite after editing

Can be collaborative

Can be illustrated with student pictures

Can be emailed to friends and family or put on the web for others to read

Can be stored for later in an e-Portfolio

Reviewing toolbar makes editing visible and fun

Can be printed for traditional display and storage - pasted into books if need be

Powerpoint

More motivating - students don't really feel as though they are writing

Can be saved as a movie

Creates opportunity for audience

Other ideas for writing

- Comic life
- Email
- Blogging
- Wikis and websites
- Publish children's writing - Google